Table-1

Annual year-on-year inflation (%)

Period	All commodities	Foodgrains (Cereals +Pulses)	Cereals	Pulses	Edible Oils
Weight (%)	100.00	5.01	4.41	0.60	2.76
Apr. 2007	6.28	8.48	8.51	7.77	15.02
May. 2007	5.46	7.22	7.87	3.23	14.07
Jun. 2007	4.53	6.45	7.28	1.48	14.65
Jul. 2007	4.71	7.70	8.51	2.97	15.81
Aug. 2007	4.14	7.26	8.03	2.68	12.64
Sep. 2007	3.32	4.21	5.81	-4.75	10.63
Oct. 2007	3.02	2.71	5.46	-12.02	11.30

(b) Integration with global economy leads to greater transmission of the changes in international prices of the domestic economy.

(c) Containment of inflation remains high on the agenda of the Government. Anti-inflationary policies of the Government include strict fiscal and monetary discipline, rationalization of duties of essential items so that there is no undue burden on the poor, effective supply-demand management of essential commodities through liberal tariff and trade policies, and strengthening in the public distribution system.

Core banking facilities of SBI branches

219. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the branches of the State Bank of India in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh separately, which have been provided with core banking facilities;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce this facility in all the State Bank of India branches in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) As reported by State Bank of India, out of 163 branches in the State of Uttarakhand 59 branches are provided with core banking facility and out of 147 branches in the State of Himachal Pradesh, 65 branches are provided with core banking facility as per statement (*See below*). The Bank also proposes to provide core banking facility to all the remaining branches in both the States, *i.e.* Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh by December, 2008.

Statement

CBS branches of SBI in uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

Uttarakhand	Sl. No.	Himachal Pradesh
Narender Nagar	1.	Kothari
Kotdwar	2.	Chamba
Ranipur	3.	Dharamshala
Lansdowne	4.	Kullu
Kalagarh	5.	Mandi
Dehradun main	6.	Nahan
Mussoorie	7.	Palampur

Uttarakhand	Sl. No.	Himachal Pradesh
Pauri	8.	Rampur
Roorkee	9.	Shimla main
IMA Dehradun	10.	Dalhousie
IIT Roorkee	11.	Dehra
Tehri (Baurari)	12.	Theog
Uttarkashi	13.	Sundernagar
Rishikesh	14.	Bilaspur
Paltan Bazar, Dehradun	15.	Jawali
Laxman Jhoola Road	16.	ADB Paonta sahib
Tel Bhawan Dehradun	17.	Paonta Sahib
Virbhadra	18.	Chintpurni
Ghansali	19.	Gagret
Haridwar	20.	Jasur
IIP Dehradun	21.	Khaira
Jawalapur, Haridwar	22.	Manali
Karanprayag	23.	Subathu
LBSNAA, Mussoorie	24.	Slapper
Rudraprayag	25.	Summer Hills, Shimla
Sawargashram, Pauri	26.	Keylong
Clement Town, Dehradun	27.	Jai Singhpur
Birpur, Dehradun	28.	Panchrukhi
Raipur	29.	Nagrota Surian
Saharanpur Road, Dehradun	30.	Katrain
Srinagar (Garhwal)	31.	Kaza
Satpuli	32.	Rajban
Gopeswar	33.	Hpau palampur
BEG & C Roorkee	34.	Bhunter
ADB Roorkee	35.	AMB
Roshnabad	36.	IGMAC, Shimla
PBB Vasant Vihar, Dehradun	37.	PBB Shimla
IDO Roorkee	38.	Mcleodganj
Dharampur	39.	Rait
Landaur Cantt.	40.	Taruwala
Narainbaggar	41.	Kala AMB
Rajpur Road	42.	Hamirpur
ADB Padampur Sukhro, Kotdwar	43.	ADB Palampur
Zakhan, Dehradun	44.	Udaipur
Joshimath	45.	Yol Camp
Chamba	46.	Una
Oak Grove School	47.	Nandaun
Phata	48.	Solan
Gaucher	49.	Boleauganj, Shimla
Oad Zo-Dehradun	50.	Tabo
Sector-1, Ranipur Haridwar	51.	Killar
Kutchery Dehradun	52.	Kangoo
Diewala	53.	Rohru
Vikas Nagar	54.	Kandraur
Defence Colony, Dehradun	55.	Ghorab

Uttarakhand	Sl. No.	Himachal Pradesh
Mohebewalla, Dehradun	56.	Gondhla
New Tehri Town	57.	Chatrokhari
Kanwali Road, Dehradun	58.	Damtal
Bhiri	59.	Mehatpur
	60.	Gemur
	61.	Hansa
	62.	Kungash
	63.	Lippa
	64.	Chango
	65.	Giabong

Central Sales Tax for cotton

220. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation requesting removal of three per cent Central Sales Tax for Cotton on *inter-State* sale;

(b) if so, whether Government have conceded such request of removal of Central Sales Tax for inter-State sale since the transport cost for those cotton is high comparing to overseas transportation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) A consensus has been arrived at between the Government of India and the States to phase out Central Sales Tax (CST) on inter-State sale of goods by 01.04.2000. As a first step, CST rate has been reduced from 4% to 3% with effect from 01.04.2007. Further, it is stated that Section 8(5) of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 empowers the respective State Government, if it is satisfied that it is necessary so to do in the public interest, to lower the tax rate or exempt the tax-for sale in course of inter-State trade or commerce for any goods or class of goods from any particular place of business; or all sales of goods or classes of goods by any dealer or by any class of dealers, to any person or class of persons-as may be notified by it.

Checks on inflow of capital

221. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed more checks on inflow of capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Indian economy has reached a stage where the capital needs of the country can be met from the local sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) There is no proposal for more checks on inflow of capital for the present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The rate of investment of the Indian economy, as a proportion of GDP, was placed at 33.8% in 2005-06. The level of external financing of such investment, mirrored by the current account deficit, was placed at 1.1% of GDP. Investment rate has been provisionally estimated